



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09672.0052

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Ruth F. EDEN ) Group Art Unit: 1641  
Application No.: 09/763,578 ) Examiner: Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen  
Filed: July 28, 2001 )  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ) Confirmation No.: 9243  
CONCENTRATING SELECTED )  
GROUPS OF MICROORGANISMS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

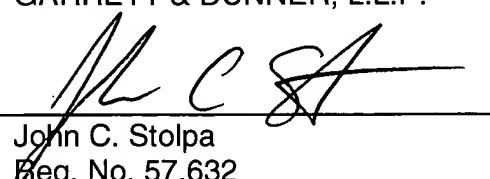
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2), Applicant hereby notifies the Office that small entity status, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a), for the above-mentioned application is no longer appropriate. All fees paid during the future prosecution of this application will be those fees set forth for large entities.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, she is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-408-4442. If there are any fees due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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